

Khomeini appoints oil expert to form new Iran government

TEHRAN. — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini yesterday named a 73-year-old oil expert as prime minister of his planned provisional government in Iran and said that opponents could be harshly punished as rebels against Islamic law.

former university lecturer, respected by both sides as well as army generals, had been widely tipped for the post for many weeks. Khomeini told the press conference that the government had collapsed and that all government departments had stopped working.

No gov't inquiry on blackout

Jerusalem Post Staff. There is no need for an inquiry into the power blackout, Minister of Energy Moshe Arens said last night in a television broadcast.

demands which are in the center and north of the country. "We'll have a much better balance when the midway power station at Hadera — with a capacity of 1,400 megawatts — will go into operation.



Maoist demonstrators carry an effigy of Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping as they parade outside Teng's Seattle hotel yesterday.

Teng, elated despite fever, ends historic U.S. visit

SEATTLE. — Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, struggling with a cold and fever but clearly elated with the success of his mission, concluded his journey to America yesterday and left for Japan en route to Peking.

Anti-Amin underground group emerges

NAIROBI (AP). — An underground Ugandan movement opposed to President Idi Amin claimed responsibility yesterday for weekend sabotage attacks that damaged a fuel depot in Kampala and sharply curtailed electricity and water supplies to the Ugandan capital.

Ex-Netanya mayor Ben-Ami arrested as fraud suspect

NETANYA (Itim). — Former Netanya mayor Oved Ben-Ami was arrested yesterday on suspicion of fraud while serving as mayor and as the head of a public land development company.

Vance: Ministers meet next U.S. to seek 'package' deal for M.E. peace

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday said that the next step in the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty negotiations would involve a ministerial level conference where an effort will be made "to try and grapple with the remaining issues as a whole."

Begin pleads for harmony in quarreling Likud ranks

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Knesset Reporter Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday appealed to the members of his Herut wing in the Likud to help restore harmonious relations inside the ruling right-wing bloc.

What happened when power failed

Jerusalem Post Staff. A 3 1/2 hour national power failure Tuesday afternoon caused massive traffic jams, halted elevators, and led to wild rumors about explosions and terrorist attacks.

Sexologists flock to fill local need

By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter Sex experts have been responding to a report in The Jerusalem Post that Misgav Ladach Hospital in Jerusalem was looking for a sexologist, hospital director Dr. Macabee Salzberger said yesterday.

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Egyptian Army now at Libyan border: Gaddafi

By Reuters. — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was quoted here Friday as saying almost the entire Egyptian Army was now deployed on the Libyan border after being withdrawn from the Canal area.

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Advertisement for 'Foreign cash buying spree devalues pound' by Shlomo Maoz, discussing the government's anti-inflation policy.

Court told Nidam would have planted big bomb

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem District Attorney Michael Kirsh yesterday declared that irrespective of the immunity promised to Yosef "Jo-Jo" Nidam, the prosecution believed that Nidam intended to and would have planted a 250 kg. bomb in the centre of Jerusalem out of pure greed.

Nidam, visibly shaken by this unexpected statement in the Jerusalem District Court, shouted out, "I'll put a bullet in your head!"

Nidam — the Bat Yam resident on trial for his alleged involvement with the Fatah terrorist cell active on the West Bank — was restrained by his wife and policemen guarding him. Defense Counsel Zvi Lidsky later apologized to the court for the outburst.

The trial was concluded yesterday, and a verdict is expected in approximately two weeks.

Kirsh maintained that even if Nidam was not aware of the baghouse and explosives from Lebanon, instead of the drugs as he had originally agreed to do, he was at least in possession of the possibility from the second smuggling run.

During the second smuggling run, Nidam was found with a large green case — which he admitted in court — but that these had been attached over with the packing which had prevented him from opening them to examine their contents.

The prosecution maintained that these cases were used to smuggle Katyusha rockets into the country (for Nidam's alleged accomplices).

The prosecutor further emphasized that after the arrest of Nur e-Din Jabari, son of the former mayor of Hebron now on trial in the Lot

Military Court for his part in the ring, Nidam definitely realized that he had been smuggling explosives. Nevertheless, the prosecutor said, Nidam went north again and brought back four or five kilograms of material for his Arab accomplices.

The prosecution asked the court to find Nidam guilty on all three counts: illegally transporting weapons; drug smuggling and conspiring to commit a felony. If found guilty, Nidam could be sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

Lidsky, in his summation, said that Nidam had been an unwitting accomplice to the arms smuggling. Once Nidam realized that he had been used by the Arabs, he decided to betray them to the police in the most advantageous way for himself, Lidsky said.

When questioned by Judge Elihu Neom as to why Nidam had kept the secret of the intended bomb attack to himself for two weeks, Lidsky maintained that his client had wanted to set up the "ambush" himself, and had wanted to extract as much money as he could from the Arabs (Ahmed and Ribhi Sharabi) as well as make some kind of deal with the police.

Lidsky, while agreeing that his client was no angel, attacked the prosecution's case on every level and said that it had failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Nidam was guilty of any of the offences attributed to him.

Ahmed Sharabi has been sentenced to three life terms plus 95 years for terrorism offences. Information furnished by Nidam following his chance arrest the night before the planned bombing enabled security forces to prevent the bombing and capture the Fatah terrorist cell.



A crowd watches the remote control bomb disposal robot of the Jerusalem police force in Zion Square yesterday. Police were called after discovery of a ticking parcel that turned out to be only a harmless watch and battery.

Bomb scare disrupts traffic in downtown Jerusalem

A suspicious package in downtown Jerusalem that contained a watch and a battery — but no explosives — caused a massive traffic jam yesterday morning. Several police were called to the scene to divert traffic — at the same time that a power failure hit the country.

Police were called to the corner of Jaffa Road and Rehov Luntz near Zion Square to inspect the object, which was ticking ominously. A spokesman immediately determined that the object could be dangerous and ordered that the area be cleared of pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Police suspect the alarm was a hoax.

Traffic was back to normal a half hour later. (Ilim)

New terrorists having bad luck with bombs

The recent rise in cases of terrorists blowing themselves up with their own bombs points to a thinning of experienced manpower in the terror organizations, defence sources said in Jerusalem this week.

The recent arrests of dozens of terrorist cells, the sources say, mean that the terrorists are now down to youths who have only had superficial training in use of sabotage materials. The result is that in 10 attempts at placing bombs in recent months terrorists either failed to arm the bombs or blew themselves up in the process, they said.

One of these explosions took place in the village of Isawiya just below the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus. Here the bomb killed the two terrorists preparing it and injured the wife of one of them — herself suspected of earlier bombing a tourist bus at Mitzpe Yericho. It also led to the capture of the whole cell.

A short time later another terrorist was killed while transporting an explosive charge on donkey-back. And last Saturday night a large bomb went off as it was being prepared in a house in Jerusalem's Old City, killing one terrorist and wounding two others, one of them very seriously.

Another Old City flat was destroyed several months ago in a similar explosion, set off by an Arab teacher preparing a bomb. Another terrorist had a bomb go off in his hand as he was trying to lay it at the Old City's Hospice Hospital, and something similar happened to another terrorist attempting to bomb an East Jerusalem cinema filled with an audience of Jews.

That terrorist bomb went off as it was being armed in the cinema's lavatory, and the terrorist was injured.

The security sources chalked the ineptness up to the arrest of such important terror cells as those uncovered recently in Abu Dis, Ramallah, Hebron and Jericho. (Ilim)

No tickets on sale for 'Eurovision'

Binyenei Ha'ooma to become TV studio

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's Binyenei Ha'ooma auditorium will soon lose 1,000 of its seats and be filled with the most sophisticated electronic equipment available to become the television studio that will broadcast next month's Eurovision song contest to 500 million viewers around the world.

Plans for the operation, which will be the most complicated media extravaganza ever undertaken by Israel TV, were disclosed at a press conference yesterday by members of the organizing team.

The two-and-a-half-hour programme will be beamed live at 10 p.m. on March 31 to at least 19 foreign countries that are sending contestants to Eurovision. But Arab countries like Jordan, which usually pick up the broadcast and last year clipped out all appearances by the winning Israeli performers, are almost certain to ignore this year's contest. Alex Gliadi, the producer, said that the Arab stations would probably just screen taped performances of the songs (except for Israel's entry "Hallelujah") at some later date in July.

Yitzhak Shimon, the veteran Broadcasting Authority staffer who heads the organizing team, said that they were rather surprised that all 19 foreign countries who took part last year have agreed to come to Jerusalem — at their own expense — and take part in the contest.

Unlike the Eurovision Festival, no admission tickets will be on sale. The Authority is limiting entrance strictly to invited guests, performers, journalists and the production staff. From March 26, when rehearsals will start, until after midnight on March 31, when a modest wine-and-cheese party will be held, only persons carrying specially coded cards will be allowed into the building.

Every country has been invited to send a delegation of up to 30 persons — including performers, journalists, broadcasters and record company officials. Some of them, according to Shimon, intend to remain here longer to prepare TV segments on Israeli pop music and other topics. Each foreign TV team will be given space in the auditorium for setting up cameras to beam the show to their respective country.

Dov Ben-David, the chief set designer, has drawn up a model for the expanded stage, whose centrepiece will be three concentric rings that will rotate like a gyroscope. The background effects, aided by coloured lighting, will be different for each country's song. The show will open with a four-to-five minute film on Jerusalem, and the 50-second spaces between the songs will be filled by Israeli folk dancing.

Simultaneously with the Israel TV broadcast (the responsible minister has not yet approved colour for Eurovision locally), Israeli radio listeners will be able to tune in to the contest. Starting at 10 a.m. on the day of the competition, the Third Programme will offer five hours of selections from previous Eurovisions going back to 1956. During the break after all the entries have been performed, Israelis at home will be invited to call Israel Radio and guess which songs will make the top three. Winners will be selected by lottery from among those making the correct guesses, and "valuable prizes" will be awarded — including a colour TV set.

The team declined to comment on the seriousness of a threat by TV technicians not to put on the Eurovision until their work dispute with management is settled. "But we do hope that everything will go smoothly," said Gliadi, "and put Israel TV on the map of top-ranking film producers."



Anti-Arab incitement charged

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH — The Arab way radio in Nazareth has published a reinforcement statement yesterday accusing a school at the top Jewish political groups of inciting anti-Arab incitement against the Arab population.

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Bethlehem mayor rejects autonomy

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij denounced the roadblock proposed self-rule for Palestinians in the West Bank, which he said would be a "step back" to military rule on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. He said the proposed self-rule does not express the desires of the Palestinian people, nor does it end the roadblock.

African Jewry to aid Jerusalem slum

The Bukharan quarter was founded some 80 years ago and has a population of about 1,000 families, the majority of whom live in conditions of poverty, overcrowding and dilapidated housing.

Avneri new Shell MK
Uri Avneri, editor of "Haolam Hazeh," was sworn in yesterday as a Knesset member, representing Sheli. He replaces Aryeh Eyal, who resigned last week. Avneri was a member of the Sixth and Seventh Knessets, from 1965 to 1973.

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No proctors for university exams

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — University students who are taking examinations starting today will do so without proctors because of work sanctions by faculty. Faculty members will answer students' questions about the exams but will not serve as proctors.

In those departments at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem where classes are in session, lecturers will continue to teach but threaten to suspend some or all classes sometime next week, if their demands for pay increases are not met.

The lecturers are demanding rises of up to 45 per cent, claiming that the real value of their salaries has been eroded in comparison with those of other academic professionals. They claim that a committee headed by Zvi Zussman, deputy chairman of the Bank of Israel, has determined that their salaries have been eroded by almost that much. A spokesman for the faculty said that the university management also agree with their demands, but that they do not have the authority to give the increases.

A committee has been established in the Finance Ministry to decide on a proposal to settle the dispute. The council representing faculty from all the universities reports that sanctions will continue and increase until a workable solution is found.

Europe invites Israel tennis juniors

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV — Israel has accepted an invitation from the European Tennis Association to compete for the first time in four major annual international team championships for boys and girls.

The invitations follow the 25-nation European body's recent undertaking to open all its tournaments to Israel, while at the same time turning down a second application for membership from the Israel Tennis Association (ITA) for "geographical reasons."

The meets are the Valerio and Queen Sofia Cups (respectively for boys and girls under 18), the Coupe Helvetie (for girls under 18) and the Copa del Sol (for boys under 14). ITA general-secretary Zvi Meyer told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. The zonal matches of the four competitions will be held at various European venues in July and August, with their final stages taking place in Italy, Spain or Switzerland.

Israel has until now participated in only one meet organized by the European association, the Galea Cup for boys under 21.

The ITA is pleased with this breakthrough into the high-calibre European junior game, which will give valuable experience to more than a dozen of Israel's growing number of talented young tennis players.

Dried fruit prices cut for Tu B'Shvat

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Most of the supermarket chains and Tuva have agreed to reduce the price of dried fruits towards Tu B'Shvat (the new year of the trees), which falls next Monday. It is customary to eat dried fruits on Tu B'Shvat.

The reduction — of about 18 per cent — started this week in the Shekem, Supermarket, Superol and Tuva stores and will continue for a month.

Under a special agreement with the Histadrut's Central Consumers' Authority, Tuva is selling large quantities of dried fruit to workers' committees at up to 30 per cent reductions.

Meanwhile, in a nationwide study of end-of-season sales, the Central Consumers' Authority has found that clothing prices are now between 12 and 20 per cent lower than they were before the sale started.

LOCK-IN — Some 15 art students at the Avni private art school in Tel Aviv locked themselves into one of the classrooms yesterday to protest learning conditions at the school. Police called to the scene calmed down the students who subsequently reopened the classroom.

APPOINTMENT — Zvi Eyal, former spokesman of the Tel Aviv and Haifa Universities, has been appointed spokesman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization. He replaces Yossi Harel, who has become spokesman of the Agency's aliya department.

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Druse draft evaders sentenced to jail
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE — For the second time during the past month a military court here has sentenced Druse men to jail terms for evading military service. As in the earlier case, the Druse had argued that they were Arabs, and therefore not subject to the draft.

The three youths, Aish Sharouf, who was jailed for 18 months, Birkhat Abu Rokan, who was sentenced to four months, and Fahd Malakh, who was jailed for five months, are all from Galilee or Mt. Carmel villages. The trial on Sunday followed a similar trial two weeks ago, when four Druse were sentenced to three months.

The draft evaders were aged 18-20.

338 Iranian olim arrive since Friday
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A total of 674 Iranian immigrants have arrived since the beginning of January — 338 of them in the first three days after the re-opening of Teheran airport last Friday.

The statistics were disclosed at yesterday's Zionist Executive meeting in Jerusalem by Jewish Agency aliya department chairman Raphael Kotlowitz. The chairman said that although absorption centres are available for their initial absorption, most of the Iranians choose to stay with relatives.

In light of the sudden increase in arrivals, new easier customs regulations will be put into effect to assist the Iranians, and more Persian-speaking aliya department representatives will be stationed at the airport.

Georgian Jews not among drop-outs
Post Knesset Reporter

There are virtually no drop-outs in Vienna among Soviet Jews from Georgia — and the rate of emigration from Israel among Georgians is almost zero, the Knesset Absorption Committee heard yesterday.

A senior Foreign Ministry official told the committee that in the Georgian wage-earners in Israel, 71 per cent work in industry. Forty thousand Georgian olim have settled in Israel, while a slightly larger number of the community remains in Georgia.

Representatives of the four Georgian immigrant organizations were urged by committee chairman Geula Cohen to end their squabbling and work together in one organization of Georgian immigrants.

Herut opens Europe office in London
By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON — Moshe Arens, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, is visiting London to mark the opening of the European office of Herut. He lectured last night at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Herut has branches in France, Belgium, Austria, Holland, Sweden, Italy, Switzerland and Ireland, as well as the UK. The British branch, with a paper membership of between 4,000 and 5,000 and at least 500 activists, is the strongest in Europe.

UK car empire faces 'catastrophe' 100,000 threaten Leyland strike

LONDON. — Union officials representing 100,000 manual workers in Britain's huge state-run Leyland Automotive Company voted overwhelmingly yesterday for an all-out strike.

Granville Hawley, a top official of the Transport and General Workers Union, said "the effect of such a strike could be catastrophic for the company."

Pat Lowry, the company's industrial relations chief, said, "This is an act of complete and utter folly. Leyland could not come through that sort of thing and survive."

Union officials will submit the strike call to mass meetings of workers this week and a final decision and date for the walkout will be announced next Monday, the union said.

The walkout would mean a nationwide shutdown for the car empire and all its 38 plants.

The company, which has one of the worst strike records in a strike-prone nation, is among Britain's biggest exporters and dollar earners.

The walkout call followed a company announcement that because of strikes and other disruption, it does not have the money to make special payments worth up to £10 weekly to most of its manual workers.

The agreement, dating back to August, 1977, called for "parity" arrangements designed to iron out pay anomalies among hourly paid workers in Leyland's plants by November of this year.

Meanwhile, Britain's public service unions called off a scheduled walkout by 2,000 porters, cooks and cleaners that would have shut down 17 London hospitals indefinitely.

However, there was no sign yesterday that Prime Minister James Callaghan's week-end offer of a 10 per cent pay hike for the 1.5 million public service workers has had any effect.

Callaghan's offer was widely considered a major backdown by the government, which has sought to keep pay hikes to 5 per cent under its counter-inflation strategy.

Some groups have already breached that limit, including 58,000 truckers who last week got a 20.75 per cent hike after a punishing month-long strike. This has encouraged other union groups to hold out on their demands for big increases.

The public service employees, who work for municipal authorities or state agencies, are demanding a 42 per cent increase to take their weekly base pay from £42.40 to £60.

Ambulance attendants, hospital workers, school janitors and cooks, garbage men, gravediggers and sewage workers have been staging what their union leaders described as "guerrilla" strikes and walkouts for two weeks.

Now other local authority employees, including schoolteachers and clerical staff, are threatening to join the dispute. Some 33,000 water workers rejected a 13.9 per cent hike at the weekend and have threatened an all-out strike if they do not get what they want.

Army ambulance crews stood by in London yesterday after the capital's 2,300 ambulance drivers, who have been staging slowdowns and emergency-only strikes for the last two weeks, began an overtime ban. (UPI, AP)

North Korea calls for unification talks with South

HONGKONG (Reuters). — Communist North Korea yesterday proposed a meeting with South Korea to discuss moves toward national reunification, the Korean central news agency reported. The meeting was suggested for February 20 in Pannunjom.

The North Korean Democratic Front's central committee said the North-South coordinating committee, ineffective since 1972, was unusable. The committee is the channel for official dialogue between the countries.

The agency quoted the Democratic Front as saying: "The prevailing situation urgently demands us to take a new progressive measure for practically arranging a dialogue for reunification."

Australian official will visit Mideast

CANBERRA (UPI). — Deputy Prime Minister Douglas Anthony left Australia yesterday for a two-week visit to the Middle East accompanied by a group of senior businessmen and officials.

In a statement prior to his departure, Anthony, who is also minister for trade and resources, said he would talk with senior ministers in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain before returning to Australia on February 18.

"The objectives (of the trip) are to increase awareness of Australia in the region as a reliable long-term supplier of foodstuffs and minerals, to emphasize Australia's capability as a source of advanced technology in certain specialised fields and to explore the possibilities for Australia to take part in future development projects in the area," Anthony said.

The Middle Eastern countries are Australia's best market for mutton and live sheep.

EPIDEMIC. — A flu epidemic, striking horses throughout Italy, has forced cancellation of several races scheduled for this week in Milan, Turin, Naples, Florence, Rome and Trieste.

Women shoot prison guard

TURIN (UPI). — Two women terrorists riding a motorcoter and armed with silencer-equipped pistols shot and wounded a woman prison guard as she left for work yesterday.

Police said Raffaella Napolitano, 34, a guard in the women's section of the city's prison, was shot in the left thigh as she left home. She was later reported in satisfactory condition at a nearby hospital.

Three hours after the attack, the ultra-leftist Front Line terrorist group claimed responsibility in an anonymous telephone call to a Turin newspaper.

A Front Line attack group, composed only of women comrades, has shot a guard of the women's section of the new prison, Raffaella Napolitano, who has distinguished herself by her zeal in carrying out her dirty job as a spy and a guard," the newspaper quoted the caller as saying.

Employees of Turin's 300-year-old prison have been favourite targets of terrorists since the facility was used last year to house top leaders of the Red Brigades awaiting trial.

In Milan, meanwhile, police said they had arrested Calogero Diana, reputedly a top gunman of the Red Brigades, which kidnapped and killed former Premier Aldo Moro last year.

Diana's arrest was part of a massive anti-terrorist police search in Milan, Turin and Genoa over the weekend which led to the discovery of several terrorist hide-outs, the arrest of 10 alleged terrorists and the seizure of documents and leaflets of the Red Brigades.

Diana, 30, whose identity had been kept secret so as not to hamper the progress of the investigations, is wanted for the killing of a policeman in Milan. He is also a suspect for several fatal attacks in Turin and Genoa.

Japan protests Soviet military buildup in Pacific

TOKYO. — Japan said yesterday it had protested to Moscow about a big Soviet military buildup on the disputed Kuril Islands off Hokkaido in the northern Pacific.

The Foreign Ministry here said a verbal complaint was made to Soviet Ambassador Dmitri Polyaniskii. The fresh diplomatic strain between Tokyo and Moscow emerged just a day before Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping is scheduled to make a stopover here for talks with Japanese leaders.

Aerial photographs, published in a Tokyo newspaper yesterday show that the Soviet Union has constructed a large military base on one of the islands, which is 5.8 km. long and has the capacity to handle landings by all types of military aircraft.

Japan has claimed sovereignty over the two islands, Kunashiri and Etorofu, as well as Habomai and Shikotan to the north since the end of World War II. The Soviet Union, which seized the islands after World War II, also claims the island group.

Foreign Ministry officials said Polyaniskii rejected the Japanese protest on grounds that the islands belong to the Soviet Union, and the Japanese protest constitutes interference with its domestic affairs.

The sources quoted the envoy as saying the matter "is used as a means to ignite an unfriendly campaign against the Soviet Union. There is no pending territorial issue between our two countries." (Reuters, UPI).

Guerrilla resistance to new Phnom Penh regime stiffens

BANGKOK. — Stepped-up fighting was reported yesterday between Cambodian guerrillas and Vietnamese troops, and some sources said Hanoi's forces were making a concerted effort to sweep away tough Cambodian resistance south of Phnom Penh.

The pro-Hanoi regime in Phnom Penh, while not directly describing combat, yesterday came closest to admitting that the victory in Cambodia was not complete. Heng Samrin, who heads the regime, said in a speech that "enemy remnants" had fled into the jungle and were "still stubbornly opposing our revolution."

Heng Samrin called on all Cambodians to "continue to make sacrifices" and overcome "many big and small obstacles."

The toppled Phnom Penh regime claimed that its guerrilla fighters killed more than 700 Vietnamese soldiers, knocked out 18 tanks and seized a quantity of weapons in recent fighting throughout Cambodia.

Thai and western analysts confirmed the former regime's reports that the heaviest fighting was along the Bassac river and in Takeo province south of Phnom Penh. Thai military intelligence sources said that reinforced Vietnamese troops were now attempting a multi-directional sweep of the area.

In East Berlin yesterday one of the new regime's leaders denied in an interview that troops loyal to ousted Premier Pol Pot were still offering resistance in the country. Ros Samay, Secretary-General of the new ruling Kampuchean National United Front for National Salvation, said that his government's forces were in complete control.

Samay is in East Berlin for a meeting of the communist-dominated World Peace Council. (AP, Reuters)

Swedes arrest Iraqi diplomat

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — Security police have arrested a Swedish police superintendent and an Iraqi diplomat suspected of illegal intelligence operations, officials said yesterday.

The officials said the Iraqi had been identified as a third secretary from the foreign ministry in Baghdad. He had a diplomatic visa, but no diplomatic immunity and was open to legal proceedings in Sweden.

The two men were arrested together in a Stockholm apartment building.

Security police spokesmen said the 62-year-old police superintendent, who had spent 40 years on the force, had access to documents dealing with requests for political asylum from political refugees.

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The Polisario has claimed to have killed 31 Moroccan troops in an attack on the town of Tan-Tan, a Moroccan military base in Western Sahara. They also claimed a further 300 were wounded and 18 taken prisoner.

Said Ahmed Batef, a member of the Polisario's executive committee, told a news conference near Tindouf that the front was considering imposing a "war situation, with all its realities and suffering" on the Moroccan people.

Belfast group gets foundation grant

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The Ford Foundation, one of the leading philanthropic funds in the U.S., yesterday announced a \$47,500 grant to the Northern Ireland peace movement.

The Belfast-based organization works for peace between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. And the Ford money is to be used for community development projects and education programmes there.

Two founder-members of the movement, Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan, were awarded the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize. They relinquished the leadership last year to allow others to gain experience.

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SAN SEBASTIAN (Reuters). — Three men yesterday abducted the director of the Michelin tire factory at Lasarte near the Basque provincial capital yesterday, police said.

Jorge Rosendo, head of the French company's Lasarte works, was kidnapped along with two factory guards, they said.

Egyptians arrest Libyan saboteurs

CAIRO (AP). — Egyptian authorities have arrested 20 Libyans on charges of "infiltrating into Egypt" in an attempt to attack public institutions, the official Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported.

The report did not say when the alleged saboteurs were arrested, and first word of the attempt came in the agency report yesterday, which said a military court in the Mediterranean city of Marsa Matruh had postponed their trial.

The agency said the Libyans were arrested as they tried to cross into Egypt's western desert near the Egyptian-Libyan border. The report said the Libyans came from a sabotage training camp at Tobruk, and planned "to blow up public institutions in line with the Libyan plan to spread terrorism in Egypt and jeopardize national security."

Women shoot prison guard

TURIN (UPI). — Two women terrorists riding a motorcoter and armed with silencer-equipped pistols shot and wounded a woman prison guard as she left for work yesterday.

Police said Raffaella Napolitano, 34, a guard in the women's section of the city's prison, was shot in the left thigh as she left home. She was later reported in satisfactory condition at a nearby hospital.

Three hours after the attack, the ultra-leftist Front Line terrorist group claimed responsibility in an anonymous telephone call to a Turin newspaper.

A Front Line attack group, composed only of women comrades, has shot a guard of the women's section of the new prison, Raffaella Napolitano, who has distinguished herself by her zeal in carrying out her dirty job as a spy and a guard," the newspaper quoted the caller as saying.

Employees of Turin's 300-year-old prison have been favourite targets of terrorists since the facility was used last year to house top leaders of the Red Brigades awaiting trial.

In Milan, meanwhile, police said they had arrested Calogero Diana, reputedly a top gunman of the Red Brigades, which kidnapped and killed former Premier Aldo Moro last year.

Diana's arrest was part of a massive anti-terrorist police search in Milan, Turin and Genoa over the weekend which led to the discovery of several terrorist hide-outs, the arrest of 10 alleged terrorists and the seizure of documents and leaflets of the Red Brigades.

Diana, 30, whose identity had been kept secret so as not to hamper the progress of the investigations, is wanted for the killing of a policeman in Milan. He is also a suspect for several fatal attacks in Turin and Genoa.

Japan protests Soviet military buildup in Pacific

TOKYO. — Japan said yesterday it had protested to Moscow about a big Soviet military buildup on the disputed Kuril Islands off Hokkaido in the northern Pacific.

The Foreign Ministry here said a verbal complaint was made to Soviet Ambassador Dmitri Polyaniskii. The fresh diplomatic strain between Tokyo and Moscow emerged just a day before Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping is scheduled to make a stopover here for talks with Japanese leaders.

Aerial photographs, published in a Tokyo newspaper yesterday show that the Soviet Union has constructed a large military base on one of the islands, which is 5.8 km. long and has the capacity to handle landings by all types of military aircraft.

Japan has claimed sovereignty over the two islands, Kunashiri and Etorofu, as well as Habomai and Shikotan to the north since the end of World War II. The Soviet Union, which seized the islands after World War II, also claims the island group.

Foreign Ministry officials said Polyaniskii rejected the Japanese protest on grounds that the islands belong to the Soviet Union, and the Japanese protest constitutes interference with its domestic affairs.

The sources quoted the envoy as saying the matter "is used as a means to ignite an unfriendly campaign against the Soviet Union. There is no pending territorial issue between our two countries." (Reuters, UPI).

Guerrilla resistance to new Phnom Penh regime stiffens

BANGKOK. — Stepped-up fighting was reported yesterday between Cambodian guerrillas and Vietnamese troops, and some sources said Hanoi's forces were making a concerted effort to sweep away tough Cambodian resistance south of Phnom Penh.

The pro-Hanoi regime in Phnom Penh, while not directly describing combat, yesterday came closest to admitting that the victory in Cambodia was not complete. Heng Samrin, who heads the regime, said in a speech that "enemy remnants" had fled into the jungle and were "still stubbornly opposing our revolution."

Heng Samrin called on all Cambodians to "continue to make sacrifices" and overcome "many big and small obstacles."

The toppled Phnom Penh regime claimed that its guerrilla fighters killed more than 700 Vietnamese soldiers, knocked out 18 tanks and seized a quantity of weapons in recent fighting throughout Cambodia.

Thai and western analysts confirmed the former regime's reports that the heaviest fighting was along the Bassac river and in Takeo province south of Phnom Penh. Thai military intelligence sources said that reinforced Vietnamese troops were now attempting a multi-directional sweep of the area.

In East Berlin yesterday one of the new regime's leaders denied in an interview that troops loyal to ousted Premier Pol Pot were still offering resistance in the country. Ros Samay, Secretary-General of the new ruling Kampuchean National United Front for National Salvation, said that his government's forces were in complete control.

Samay is in East Berlin for a meeting of the communist-dominated World Peace Council. (AP, Reuters)

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STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — Security police have arrested a Swedish police superintendent and an Iraqi diplomat suspected of illegal intelligence operations, officials said yesterday.

The officials said the Iraqi had been identified as a third secretary from the foreign ministry in Baghdad. He had a diplomatic visa, but no diplomatic immunity and was open to legal proceedings in Sweden.

The two men were arrested together in a Stockholm apartment building.

Security police spokesmen said the 62-year-old police superintendent, who had spent 40 years on the force, had access to documents dealing with requests for political asylum from political refugees.

Police confiscated material found in the apartment and yesterday Swedish Foreign Minister Hans Blix was quoted as saying he believed this was intended to be sent to Iraq. Officials said the police superintendent had denied the charges but questioning was continuing and he would be given a lawyer.

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By JONATHAN C. RANDAL/Washington Post News Service



Ayatollah Khomeini

TEHRAN. — Tough-minded, respected, courtly and, above all, efficient, Mehdi Bazargan is expected to play a central role in Iran's transition from monarchy to an Islamic republic.

His name has been prominent in the headlines this week for his mediation efforts between Prime Minister Shapur Bakhtiar and Ayatollah Khomeini.

Bazargan, 72, was the Ayatollah's choice recently for the crucial mission to the southern oil fields to persuade the radicalized workers that their strike should be modified so that domestic petroleum needs could be met.

other opposition politicians and parties is his record of dedication to Islam, democracy and opposition to the shah himself, when others were careful to limit their criticism to the monarch's entourage.

Lesson from Los Angeles on abuses in medical practice

Why fewer people died when the doctors went on strike

By WILLIAM SCOBIE/Observer Foreign News Service

LOS ANGELES. — When hundreds of doctors serving the seven million people who live in and around Los Angeles went on strike last year for a just cause, there were dire predictions of a crisis in health care.

viewpoint, that \$4b. is a highly unwelcome addition to America's staggering annual health-care bill, which topped \$180b. in 1978 — larger than the combined sales of General Motors, Exxon and Ford, the nation's three largest corporations.

questioned — hysterectomies, prostate removals and tonsillectomies. One-quarter of the U.S. population is now tonsil-less, and investigators claim that only 8 per cent of these operations were clearly justified.



This 13-month-old girl had a successful operation to solve a hearing problem caused by blocked eustachian tubes. An increasing number of hospitals, William Scobie writes, are whether suggested surgery is necessary.

FROM THE viewpoint of the once-respected medical profession, those figures are deeply alarming. Many surgeons are themselves calling for a clean-up of unethical practices. But the medical establishment claims that the problem has been exaggerated. The American Medical Association was quick to denounce the Moss committee report as unjustified and "based on early results from a few studies."

in fact, scores of studies over recent years have suggested that the U.S. surgeon is knife-happy. The basic figures appear to change little from study to study. The British and U.S. systems are often compared. Britain allocates only 5.6 per cent of its GNP to medical care, the U.S. 8.6 per cent. American surgeons operate twice as frequently as British. Yet in the UK, two accepted measures of a nation's health care — infant and maternal mortality rates — are significantly lower.

WHY IS IT happening? Retired surgeon Dr. George Crile, author of "Surgery: Your Choices, Your Alternatives," says that "there are too many surgeons. Doctors love to operate, and they get paid for it. Two-thirds of U.S. surgeons are unsalaried, i.e. their fee for the op is in their bag. It's a conflict of interest, situation."

Patients are being urged to demand opinions and to inquire about their surgeon's record and standing. "Shop around," as Crile puts it. The crisis has certainly dispelled the notion of the American surgeon as a god-like, not-to-be-questioned folk hero.

associations, recently appeared at hearings on the health-care crisis to oppose the session's chairman, Senator Edward Kennedy, leading spokesman for U.S. national health insurance. He defended this country's medical care as "the best in the world" — and was booed from the podium by an audience of 1,000 "senior citizens."

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Anti-West riots shake Teheran

Spare a ring and save a hand

By NICK COLE Gemini News Service

LONDON. — Hundreds of British women are sacrificing their personal jewellery to help leprosy sufferers. This is their response to a unique fund-raising campaign that will provide cash for operations on hands crippled by the disease.

'clawed,' it is hard to hold the spoon which in turn holds the food your child needs. The results are obvious. For Ahmed, owner of a thriving cycle shop in a town in southern India, the insidious onset of tuberculous leprosy meant social isolation as customers shunned him and took their trade elsewhere.

Only after seeking help at the local hospital did he find the right cure — operations on both hands, combined with months of physiotherapy to make them supple again. He has since returned successfully to business as cigarettes and soft drinks trader.

'Bottled sunshine'

By JOHN DORNBERG Special to The Jerusalem Post

POLES CALL IT "sunshine in a bottle" and they are basking in it as never before in their history. The "bottled sunshine" is vodka and, according to the latest statistics, Poles imbibe more of it than any other people in the world, including the legendarily hard-

drinking Russians — 30 litres a year, on the average, for every Pole aged 16 to 100.

This national binge is starting to have devastating effects. There are an estimated 5 million problem drinkers among Poland's 34 million inhabitants and some 900,000 alcoholics requiring treatment. More than half of all crimes and 80 per cent of those involving rowdiness or assault and battery are alcohol related.

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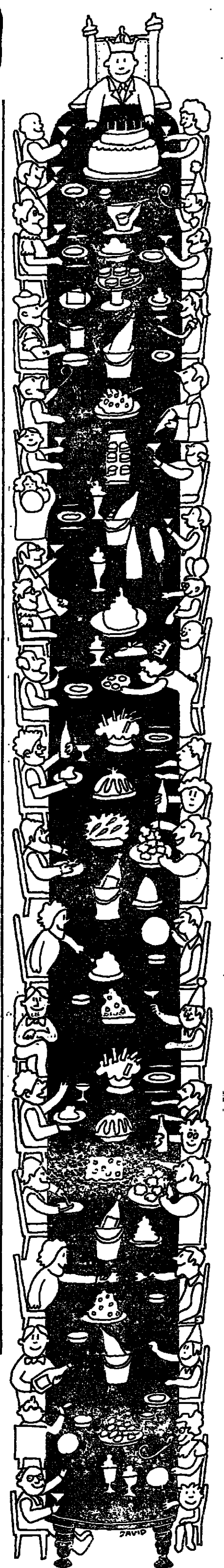
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Wisely filling the time on their hands

By LYNDA GOLDMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

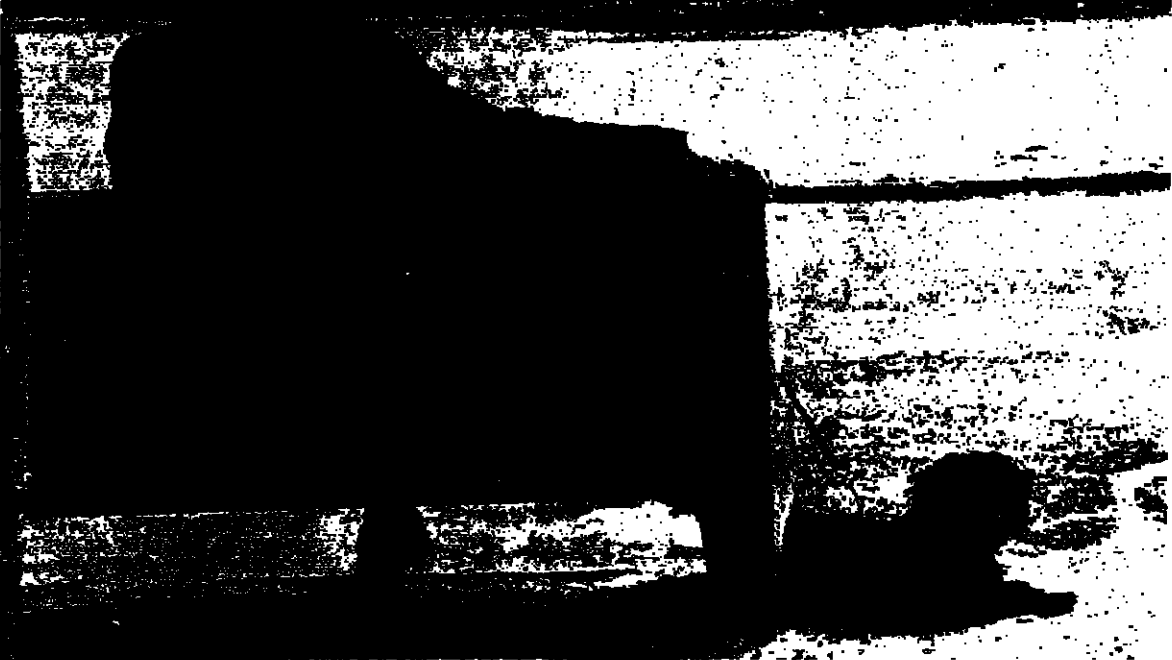
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letters from interested senior citizens, their children and even their grandchildren," he said. "We knew that they would have to buy their own books and incur travel expenses and other odds and ends, so we tried to convince some of them to take some sort of scholarship."

Latvia and who is a survivor of the Stutthof concentration camp, also enrolled in a course on plants in Israel given by the Department of Botany.

Brookdale programme from a radio announcement. Zvia, 68, says it gives her a chance to advance and to read a great deal about subjects that really interest her.

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Helping hand for young newcomers from Iran

By MICHAL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

ABOUT 130 Iranian newcomers have enrolled at the Shaiva high school in Tel Aviv last month, and the figures have to be readjusted upward daily.

new friends and neighbours even before the absorption ministry or municipality are able to assign them an ulpan."



Students from Iran learn the basic steps of a folk dance. (Israel Sun)

going back. The absorption of the Iranian teenagers in Shaiva is part of a larger absorption plan for their parents.

Bleimann serves as the coordinator between the ministry and the education section of the Tel Aviv municipality.

Tagging 'hawks and doves'

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter

PIECES of occupied real estate is likewise instructive. The Institute for Applied Social Research found on November 22, 1977, that 61 per cent of those questioned refused to give up the West Bank, 79 per cent refused to withdraw from the Golan, and 17 per cent from Sinai.

tend to run along identical tracks. The report also claims that there is a direct link between conservative views on education and political "hawkishness" — the more acute the one, the more extreme the other.

OF ISRAEL'S secondary school teachers have "hawkish" political opinions and conservative educational views, according to a report published last month.

Fruit and nut breads for Tu Bi'Shvat

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Fashion Week dress rehearsal

Exports of textiles and fashions rose by seven per cent last year.

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Exports of fashions and textiles continued to rise slowly but steadily in 1978, Hanna Weiss, in charge of textiles and finished clothing in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, said yesterday. She was speaking on the eve of the forthcoming Fashion Week, which will take place at the Tel Aviv Hilton February 12 to 16.



Marvin Traub

Some 400 buyers from abroad (about the same number as at the last Fashion Week) are expected, and 91 Israeli manufacturers, six more than last time, will display their wares.

Actual exports in 1978 rose by 14.8 per cent, to \$176.2m., a figure which due to the drop of the dollar must be deflated by about eight per cent.

"Thus the actual increase was about seven per cent," Mrs. Weiss said. In 1979 the target is to increase exports by about 14 per cent in dollars — and this figure may also have to be deflated, if the dollar falls in value.

The three main branches of textile exports reacted differently. Finished clothing (including textiles) and textiles rose in 1978 by 18.3 per cent (a non-deflated figure) to stand at \$153.9m., exports of furs fell by 24.1 per cent (non-deflated) to stand at only \$9.5m. Exports of leather goods, meanwhile, fell only slightly, to stand at \$12.9m.

"The fall in exports of furs is due to the sharp inroads made in this field by Korea," she said. She added that "although the Koreans offered goods at lower prices, the quality of the Israeli furs was still considerably better."

Mrs. Weiss was heartily seconded by Yitzhak Hananel, who represents the industry in the fashion centre in the Export Institute, when she said that "Israel's future lies in producing fashions of outstanding attractiveness, so that the name Israel will become synonymous with France and Italy in this field."

The biggest problem facing the industry, Hananel said, was the

"catastrophic shortage of workers." He admitted that the pay was low — a bank messenger earns more than a skilled worker. Moreover, he said, "if we are trying to give our fashions an international image, we will have to start at home by giving workers in fashions a better personal image at home, so that they will be proud of their work."

Mrs. Weiss noted that the ministry was trying to solve the problem by attracting women in development towns and in Arab villages into the industry.

One goal of 1979 was to penetrate deeper into the American market. At present, the Common Market was Israel's biggest customer, with West Germany buying goods valued at \$47m., followed by England, with \$40m.

The U.S. bought \$35m. worth in 1978 — which, although a small figure considering the huge potential of that market — was still a nice increase over the \$28.8m. worth of business done in 1977.

Rami Gutt, director-general of the Export Institute, said that his organization had already drawn up "invasion plans" for the U.S. A permanent exhibition, at which ten to 12 Israeli fashion manufacturers would display their goods, is to be opened in the Empire State Building in New York. In addition, there will be Israeli Fashion Weeks in the U.S., with the exclusive Bloomingdale's chain taking the lead.

Orders for more than \$2m. of Israeli goods have already been placed by Marvin Traub, board chairman of Bloomingdale's. The chain is planning three-week long Israel Weeks in 11 of the 14 exclusive department stores, starting April 27 and lasting through May 18.

Bloomingdale's has outlets in all the large cities — New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, etc. Traub recently visited Israel.

Some 40 buyers from the chain have visited, or are visiting Israel, to make the purchases. These will consist 70 per cent of clothing (of all kinds, including new lines, such as Junior Misses, teenagers, etc.); 20 per cent jewellery; and the rest toys, albums, home furnishings, sandals, handbags and bedspreads.



This is where things start getting tough for burglars. The "Pladect" department of the Rav-Bariah lock company plans to produce about 2,000 of its steel doors a year. The firm recently moved from Holon to larger premises in Yavne. The worker in the centre of the photo above is cutting steel plate to size for one of the safety doors, which retail for IL3,600.

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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Discount Bank yesterday was the first of the country's five largest commercial banks to announce its annual results for 1978. Board chairman Daniel Recanat announced that the bank had achieved major increases in consolidated net operating income and consolidated assets. In terms of U.S. dollars the consolidated results represented an increase of 38 per cent; 57 per cent in net operating income and 12 per cent in capital accounts.

Consolidated net operating profit, including extraordinary profits, rose to IL421.2m. (\$23.1m.) from IL356.7m. (\$16.7m.) a year ago. Consolidated assets at the year's end exceeded IL20.2b. (\$6.3b.), up from IL17.7b. (\$4.6b.), reflecting a gain of 67.6 per cent over the previous year. Consolidated capital funds increased to IL2.6b. (\$187.8m.) from IL1.89b. (\$123m.) in 1977.

The deposit side of the bank's business grew rapidly and stood at IL101.6b. In the wake of the government's new economic policy foreign currency deposits doubled. The growth in consolidated assets of 67.7 per cent and the increase in

the consolidated net income of 38 per cent showed a real growth in taking into consideration a rise in the cost-of-living index of 48.1 per cent. The profit per share came to IL2.25 compared to IL1.54 in 1977, reflecting a gain of 45.4 per cent.

The Discount Bank and its subsidiaries have a network of branch offices, including branches in Israel and branches in New York, Uruguay, the Cayman Islands (B.W.I.), the Bahamas and Luxembourg.

Questioned about the sharp rise in the salaries paid to the bank's executives, Recanat said that the increase was in line with the growth rates established for salaries in the public sector. This particular item added an increase of more than 20 per cent and stood at IL1.8b. Recanat pointed out that the figure included all vacation and other funds as well as the salaries of the approximately 500 new employees hired during the year.

In 1978 the Discount Bank paid shareholders IL3 in cash dividends and 30 per cent in bonus shares. There was no change in the rate of dividend, but the rate of bonus shares was increased to 30 per cent up from 25 per cent in 1977.

Solel Boneh expects to handle IL18b. worth of building projects this year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Solel Boneh expects to execute projects valued at IL18.5b. in 1979 compared with IL15.5b. last year and IL14b. in 1977. This was stated over the weekend by Shraga Rothman, director-general of the Histadrut construction company, while outlining plans to the company's managers.

The figures for the preceding two years do not take into account the inflationary spiral. Therefore the growth in projects handled, while considerable, is not as large as it seems at first glance.

Moreover, projects finished in 1978 were paid for at 1977 prices — since there was a lull in building then. If not for this lull, income for these two years would also have been higher, Rothman said.

Of the IL18.5b. for 1979, some IL6.5b. will be projects carried out abroad.

Rothman pointed out that to meet the objectives the company had set itself for 1979, it would have to hire another thousand workers. Productivity among the present staff was expected to rise by five per cent, he added.

Kibbutz industry pays too much for its loans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Kibbutz industries pay higher financing costs than the average charged to industry, according to a survey just made by "Hashav," the inter-kibbutz unit for financial advice.

According to the survey, metal industries in kibbutzim paid out 7.7 per cent of their sales turnover for financing costs in the period 1974 through 1976. For electrical appliances plants the percentage even reached 11.4 of sales. During the same period, "Hashav" claims, financing costs in industry in general were about half those paid by the kibbutzim.

Koor head Naftali Blumenthal comments on new economic plan: 'Ehrlich is not going far enough'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich's economic plan is good as far as it goes; the trouble is that it doesn't go far enough. "As a matter of fact," Naftali Blumenthal, director-general of Koor, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post*, "it falls far short of tackling the two most basic problems facing the economy, the need to speed up the growth of the productive sectors of the economy, and to help balance the country's adverse balance of payments."

Blumenthal thought that the main thrust of Ehrlich's plan was aimed at taming the inflationary spiral. "Ehrlich is doing this mainly for political reasons," he said. There is a feeling among the public that inflation will eventually lead to a catastrophe (even if this same public today is enjoying the benefits of inflation). If the present regime fails to bring inflation under control it may lose control of the government in the next elections. This feeling, more than anything else, dictates Ehrlich's plan.

According to Blumenthal a balanced budget would only partially solve the problem of inflation — and the government can balance the budget if it can stop pouring money into the hands of the public. But he doubted that the government could withstand public pressure to print more money in 1979 any more than it had overcome this pressure in 1978.

He felt that even with a balanced budget — which he did not think could be achieved — there were three other factors which contributed largely to inflation.

One was the wholesale import of foreign currency by the banks and other institutions. Secondly, there were huge quantities of "local white capital," which was not being used for the best benefit of the economy; third there was the considerable amount of "black capital," which was definitely being used to the detriment of the economy.

Another element of Ehrlich's plan, reducing customs duties on selected imported industrial goods, was "loaded with dangers for the economy."

In fact, it is tantamount to establishing an "import incentive." That is to say, instead of the government giving an incentive to local industrialists to export goods, it is giving an incentive to the public to import goods.

In the beginning of 1978 an imported item which cost \$1, sold for about IL15.50 on the local market. Most Israeli industrialists could make the same item for IL15.50.

But with the inflationary trend, this same \$1 item sells for about IL19 on the local market, while our costs of production have gone up so



Naftali Blumenthal

that it costs us IL21.60 to produce it. Thus, we are being squeezed out of our own market, and our local market must be the base for the sale of many of our goods, he said. "And on top of this price discrepancy, Ehrlich now plans to reduce customs on imports, which will make the imported item still cheaper."

Conversely, Israel will be hard put to find markets abroad to sell its more expensive items. Moreover, Israel would have to go out in 1979 to find new markets. Finding these markets cost money, and obtaining these markets also cost money, for we will have to sell our goods at a low price.

Thus, Blumenthal believed, reducing customs on imported goods would hurt the sale of Israeli goods on the local market, and also make it more expensive to sell Israeli goods abroad.

"If the present situation continues for several years, we will be endangering the very existence of the industries we so laboriously built."

Asked if he had an alternative plan to Ehrlich's, Blumenthal said, "I make a hobby of collecting other people's plans and finding fault with them. It is much easier to criticize

than to find a cure — other than repeat the oldest advice in the book. This is simply, to produce more, increase efficiency and plan better."

He felt the following moves would be taken almost immediately to up productivity and output: cut labour, not only in the civil sector but in all services; switch labour from the services to industry; more women to join the labour force; "Make retirement age flexible, basing it on a person's ability and desire to work, not on his age as advised. Finally, switch labour more to mechanization at the expense of hand work, he said.

"If we do these simple things, it will produce more goods. If there are more goods on the market, they help reduce inflation, slow down the symptom of inflation is more chasing after less goods."

As for Koor itself, it had increased productivity by eight per cent in 1978 and "we hope to increase it further, by nine per cent this year."

Nevertheless, even with the increased productivity, Koor will not meet its export target. The exports totalled \$283m., a figure which was ten per cent higher than the target, but ten per cent lower than the target.

The failure was due to three factors, Blumenthal said: a local market, which was a limitation against exporting; low prices of exported goods and the cancellation of some foreign orders; and the fact that two plants, both of them Hovav near BeerSheva, had come into full production, which makes pharmaceuticals, pesticides.

The export target for 1979 is an increase of 14 to 15 per cent over the failure to meet 1978's target.

From a profit viewpoint, Koor would run the 1979 target perhaps as high as IL1b., on about IL15b. These figures include all those non-Koor companies which Koor holds a 50 per cent interest. (In many of these companies Koor increased its holdings.)

Moreover, some companies in 1977 lost considerable sums. Kiyat Piada (Steel City, etc.) managed to reverse the losses in 1978, and not only showed a profit but also began to recoup part of its losses.

Public won't report tax cheats

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An Israel Consumer Council survey has disclosed that the public blames inflation on black money (money on which no taxes have been paid). But most people, says the survey, would refuse to report the holders of black money to the authorities.

The survey concluded that of the 2,000 people polled throughout the

country, almost 70 per cent of black money was to blame for inflation. Only 20 per cent said they were prepared to provide the authorities with the names of those who they suspect deal in black money.

Asked whether they would report to buy from stores which overcharged for their products, 84 per cent they would, yet only 25 per cent they would report about overcharged to the authorities.

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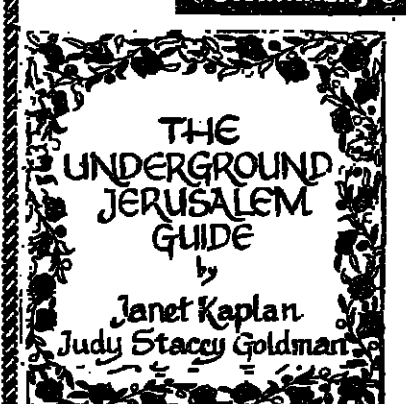
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Bonus tours by U.S. corporations are boon for Israel's hotel industry

By BARUCH SAVILLE
Post Tourism Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Israel has taken a slice of a billion dollar cake" said Florence Hersch, of the huge Liberty Travel Corp. of the U.S. The "cake" is the money spent by U.S. corporations on incentive travel for their top dealers.

Hersch, together with the vice-president of Alside Inc., Donald Kaufman, and its national director, Philip Rose, headed the first group of 250 top dealers of Alside, a subsidiary of United States Steel Corp. The group is here for a seven-day tour, staying at the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv Hilton hotels.

Rose told *The Post* that the incentive travel market in the U.S. is not only huge in terms of the money spent by the sponsoring corporations. Large additional sums are spent abroad by the participants

because the tour itself costs them nothing. Last year Alside sent over 3,000 of its dealers on incentive tours and in view of the success of its first Israel venture, over 1,000 will come next year.

Incentive or bonus trips abroad are given by large firms to valued employees or to independent dealers retailing the corporation's product successfully.

Rose explained that for Israel's hotel industry, incentives are extremely important, since the groups come in February, when business in the U.S. is slow. That month, however, is off-season here, when room occupancies are low.

Israel Sher, of Eden Tours, who handled the entire arrangements here for Alside, said that incentives could revive the country's flagging tourism during the January-March period.

Breakdown in butter packaging

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If you do not find butter on the shelves of your store, it's not because there is a lack of the commodity, but because of a breakdown in Tuva's packaging plants.

According to Tuva spokesman Mordechai Hofsteter a freak accident caused about half of all the butter packaging machines to break down at the same time.

When asked how this could happen he explained that the machines are far from new. He promised that

within a few days the machines would be repaired, bringing butter supplies back to normal. "If anyone wants to buy bulk quantities of un-packaged butter, he is welcome to come to the plant," he said.

The spokesman stressed that Tuva is not hoarding butter in anticipation of a price rise. "We don't have anything to earn from such action. If the price goes up it simply means that the subsidies are slashed. Instead of getting these moneys from the government as subsidies, we will receive them from the public," he said.

Meshel wants pension rights extended

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An amendment to the National Insurance Law which would entitle a man at age 65 and a woman at 60 to National Insurance benefits regardless of income, has been proposed by Histadrut secretary-general Yeruham Meshel.

Today unconditional benefits are only available to men at 70 and women at 65. For those who retire earlier (between 65 and 70 for men, 60 and 65 for women) benefits are paid only if the retiree earns less than 50 per cent of the average wage in the economy. The current average

wage is about IL6,000.

Meshel pointed out that this limitation discriminates in two ways. First, it discriminates against those whose income is derived from work, because those whose income comes from investments, real estate or other sources are allowed to earn more than IL3,000 without losing benefits.

Secondly, Meshel said, the limitation discriminates against those who continue to work past retirement age. A woman at 60 and a man at 65 are entitled to benefits for which they have paid throughout their working life, even if they continue on the job, Meshel thinks.

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Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Feb. 5

Volume soars as market moves into high gear

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

the countrywide electricity stoppage the shares of the Israel Electric Corporation gained 10 points to 368.

Land development and real estate stocks enjoyed a good session. Azorim jumped by 26 points to 587.

The company's "A" options were in strong demand and rose by 43 points, reflecting a gain of 13.9 per cent.

ILDC and Property and Building both moved higher. Mehadrin rose by 25 points while the Rasco shares, both ordinary and preferred, gained about 5 per cent.

Nechustan (B) stole the spotlight among industrial shares. After being "buyers only" the preceding session the shares galloped ahead by 7.4 per

cent to 1105. Argaman (B) chipped in with a 6.3 per cent to 572. Teva shares did not trade as the company reported its semi-annual results.

In the investment company share sector it was Central Trade that stood out as the shares gained 5.1 per cent to 1140. Clal real estate traded ex-bonus shares and was established at 248.5. Landeco continued to advance as it rose by eight to 250. Piryon was ahead by 11 to 310.

Securities advisors at various commercial banks, as well as a number of financial reporters, have expressed the opinion that the government anti-inflationary programme will not have a marked effect on the securities markets. One financial consultant did, however, lower his estimate of the anticipated rise in the cost-of-living index for 1978 from 60 per cent to 50 per cent. This is still at variance with various government estimates which are for a C-o-L rise of about 35 per cent.

Most active shares

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Israelis do not recognize need for energy conservation

By AARON SITTNER Jerusalem Post Reporter

Next time you build yourself a house, do this: tell the architect you want the cold water pipe supplying the boiler to be brought over to the chimney, and wound around it on the way to the boiler.

This pre-heating of the supply water will cost you absolutely nothing. What is more, it will put money into your pocket. It is because the water, as it enters the boiler, will be so warm that you will use considerably less fuel to fire the boiler.

Here's another idea. Tell the architect that the wall facing the back of the refrigerator (that's where the condenser is) should be an outer wall, as thin as possible and as little exposed to the sun as practicable. This will hasten dissipation of the machine's heat, requiring much less work from the motor. As a result, your electric bills will probably be 30 per cent lower than previously.

These are just two of the prize-winning (IL10,000 each) entries in a recent fuel saving contest sponsored by the Israel Petroleum and Energy Institute and the Energy Conservation Division of the National Energy Authority.

"Israelis are notoriously lacking in awareness of the importance of energy conservation," Raquelle Aharanoff, a senior official at the conservation division, told The Post recently. "The way the average Israeli wastes energy, you would think we have unlimited reserves of oil or other fuel. Unfortunately, we must rely on outside sources for more than 80 per cent of our fuel."

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Oil crisis sparks gold fever

LONDON (AP). - Feverish speculative buying of gold, sparked by a threatened world oil shortage, sent the price of bullion soaring nearly \$15 an ounce yesterday to a record \$246.50 an ounce at the close of trading in London.

The price jumped \$14.875 from last Friday's closing \$231.625 an ounce, the sharpest rise for a single day. In Zurich, Europe's major bullion market, gold closed at \$243.50 an ounce, up more than \$13 from Friday's closing \$230.375.

On foreign exchange markets, the U.S. dollar, meanwhile, lost ground against all major currencies, from London to Tokyo.

Dealers said that investors began buying gold in a rush when Saudi Arabia said that it will cut back oil production. The news came on top of an apparently worsening political situation in Iran, the world's fourth largest oil producer, as well as the weaker U.S. dollar and reports that South Africa, the world's biggest gold producer, is buying oil with gold. That would mean less gold for the markets.

Gold hit its previous peak last October 30 when it closed at \$245.25 an ounce, after a record gain on that day of \$11 while the U.S. dollar was falling to its record low in Tokyo of 175.50 yen.

Other precious metals - platinum and silver, and copper as well, also surged in price in London yesterday.

Platinum leaped more than \$4 (\$8) to a new record of £199.25 (\$388.50) an ounce.

A shortage of oil would push up prices, making almost everything more expensive.

Helping to boost the gold price were reports that the Soviet Union, the second largest gold producer, is not selling its gold because it does not want dollars. The Soviets were said to be waiting for gold to go higher in the currencies they most desire, Swiss francs, West German marks and Japanese yen.

Gold also hit a record high in Paris and Milan, where it jumped 350 lire to close at 6,850 lire a gram.

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The umbilical cord

"To tell you that the people of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip love us would be a lie. But they do respect us." So says Aluf Avraham Orly in an interview with The Post's HIRSH GOODMAN on relinquishing his position as coordinator of operations in the administered territories.



the inhabitants of the territories are concerned, Egypt alone is simply not enough.

Pie in the sky housing

IT IS difficult to know whether or not to take seriously Housing Minister David Levy's plans to assist the growing number of families who find it impossible to obtain homes.

The idea of providing 25-30 year mortgages for up to 80 per cent of the value of a flat is not only attractive but veritably utopian in Israel. Even if these mortgages were to be fully linked to the cost-of-living index as is being proposed and their repayment were to put a lien on 20 per cent of an average family's income for more than half of their working lives, the possibility of obtaining such financing would be a godsend for most Israelis.

What is not at all clear from Mr. Levy's presentation is where the money and the additional houses are to come from.

When Mr. Levy first broached his ideas several days ago he suggested levying a new compulsory loan for the express purpose of financing his new revolutionary mortgage scheme. This deserves to be taken as seriously as Mr. Ehrlich's "counter-proposal" that whatever additional revenues the Treasury realizes from an amnestied laundering of black capital be devoted to housing.

Any compulsory loan would simply come at the expense of other savings plans that now provide a significant part of the capital available for other important investment projects. In addition it should be remembered that a compulsory loan would again be levied on the same overburdened sector that does pay its taxes.

The large minority of tax cheats would escape a compulsory loan, too.

It is time that the government, and its individual ministers, came to grips with the truth that the only possible source of additional budget funds is the determined collection of taxes from the black economy.

Yet even if the mortgage money were available, it would not build one house more than the shrivelled construction industry is already engaged in building. With the diversion of additional construction workers and equipment to the needs of military redeployment from Sinai to the Negev and the continued drain of Arab building workers from the West Bank and Gaza to lucrative alternative employment in the Gulf oil states, the problem will probably get worse rather than better.

All of which is to say that Mr. Levy would be well advised to return to the drawing board. He has been Minister of Housing for all of two weeks. The ideas he has brought forth now have the signs of just two weeks of hard thinking, a good part of which seems to have been focused on the political implications of the housing muddle rather than on the economic capacity to do something about it.

Which is a shame. For his sensitivity to the needs of his natural constituency should drive him to much better performance as Minister of Housing than was recorded by his immediate predecessor in that post.

There never have been easy solutions to the housing problems of a nation most of whose population began from scratch in the past few decades. But it is difficult to envision any large-scale solutions at all as long as inflation continues to rage at its current rate.

Some of Mr. Levy's ideas are worthy of elaboration and eventually of implementation. But they are meaningless as long as Mr. Ehrlich and the government continue to shirk the difficult but unavoidable task of bringing down inflation, and with it housing costs, to a level at which Israelis can afford to house themselves.

One of the possible short term steps that could ease the housing problem, but that the government has chosen to ignore, involves the tens of thousands of empty flats that are being held for speculative purposes and not being rented out. The government would do well to return to an earlier proposal, since abandoned, to raise property taxes on such empty flats to prohibitive rates.

IN THE OPINION of the man who for the last five years has been coordinating Ministry of Defence operations in the administered areas, the implementation of autonomy does not lie in Israel's hands. And it cannot be achieved without the full cooperation of the inhabitants.

Aluf Avraham Orly, who retired from the army last Friday after 31 years of service, 17 of them with the paratroopers, thinks that as long as the people of the territories fail to receive some legitimization for autonomy from Jordan, they cannot opt to accept it.

"They are tied to Jordan by their umbilical cord," he said in a recent interview. "They have families there, and much of their commerce is with Jordan. Until there is some indication from Jordan, even surreptitiously, that autonomy is kasher there is very little chance that they will be successful in implementing it."

According to Orly, the West Bank leadership was more interested in autonomy before Sadat's visit than after it.

"Once the inhabitants of the areas saw opposition to Sadat's initiative develop in the Arab world, their attitude to autonomy became more negative," he said, adding that "unless there is now some encouragement from an Arab country other than Egypt, and in particular from Jordan, there is very little chance that the people of the areas will go along with the autonomy plan."

While refusing adamantly to speak on subjects he felt were "political," Orly made it clear that in his opinion, the questions raised over autonomy and linkage in the peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt were academic.

"Linkage," he said "is more an Egyptian need than something desired by, or even important to, the inhabitants of the areas. There can be no implementation of autonomous rule in the areas unless more support is gained in the Arab world. As far as

ORLY WOULD NOT agree that we are currently witnessing a serious rise of Palestinian nationalism in the territories, or that there has been a big increase in terrorism.

"They have just improved and become more sophisticated, so that every time they hit it hurts that much more," he said.

He claimed that the IDF, the police and secret service (Shin Bet) have done a "phenomenal job" in preventing terrorism.

"They have prevented literally thousands of attempts, which would have cost goodness knows how many lives," he said. The prevention of terrorism, Orly explained, is a complicated task that requires a varied and cohesive policy. Good intelligence is an essential factor, but so is the relationship with the inhabitants themselves.

"We have made mistakes, but we have also learned from the lessons of the past," he said. "Things are very complicated, because we are, ultimately, dealing with people, and no one policy can be universally applied. Not if one continues to up-

hold the moral and humane principles that have always guided the military government in the past. You need a certain sophistication when you're dealing with one-and-a-half million people."

DID HE THINK that blowing up the houses of terrorist suspects was "sophisticated"?

It was, he said, an important component of the overall policy that had led to whatever degree of coexistence there is today between Israel and the inhabitants of the territories.

"Look," he said, "to tell you that the people of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip love us would be a lie. But they do respect us, and the evidence of that respect is obvious to anyone with eyes to see."

Orly pointed with pride to the economic cooperation that has developed, "which is not one-sided, as the newspapers suggest." There were hundreds of businesses jointly owned by Arabs and Jews, and the standards of living, health, education and municipal services had all risen beyond expectations.

"But blowing up houses and other sanctions are certainly part of that overall policy I was speaking about, and just as necessary for coexistence in the future."

TALKING ABOUT his final year as coordinator, Orly said that, compared with previous years, things had been relatively peaceful in the territories.

"Compared with 1976, when hardly a day went by without a riot, a commercial strike, or some other action that forced us to take stern measures, this past year has been quiet," he said.

"We had to impose very few sanctions and relations were good. The houses blown up on December 11 were the first to be blown up in many, many months, and I hope we have ended that chapter as well."

How was it all going to end? Orly was not sure. A major problem was the legitimization given to the PLO by the international

Dry Bones



community. This made many of the inhabitants of the territories regard the inflexible aims of the terrorists as *bona fide* expectations, and some of the leadership found themselves having to make decisions they know are not in their best interest in the long run.

"You know what many of the leaders say to me in private?" said Orly. "They say that their greatest tragedy as a people is they only know how to say no — never yes, only no."

"The people of Judea, Samaria and Gaza were offered a great first step — autonomy to be reviewed in five years' time. It was at least the beginning of the end of 12 years of occupation by a military government. It would have made complete political sense for the leadership to accept. But again, an unequivocal no."

Another aspect of the tragedy of the inhabitants of the areas is, in Orly's opinion, the fact that they have always received their orders from outside, from the PLO, from Jordan, from Saudi Arabia. The

orders have always reflected the interests of those giving them, not those receiving them.

ORLY IS LEAVING his post as Danny Matt, a perplexing figure. One of the most frustrating aspects of the job, in his view, is the impossibility of making any meaningful changes.

"We are soldiers and the orders handed down to us are not made policy and we are the people here to accept them, that is made."

Orly says that he worked 24 hours a day for five years, still felt that not all the problems placed on his desk were solved.

He is now going to the States for a short study course in advanced management techniques at the Harvard Business School.

READERS' LETTERS

THE NURSING SHORTAGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am a Registered Nurse from the U.S. and have been working here for one and a half years. I have been following the various discussions concerning the nursing shortage here and have come to the conclusion that more money and shorter hours will not solve the basic problems.

I have found the method of scheduling to blame for most of the dissatisfaction expressed by nurses I work with. For example: they are assigned a morning shift and night shift on the same day (eight hours between shifts), or an evening shift and then a morning shift the next day (again only eight hours between shifts). This, in effect, is working 16 hours in a 24-hour period and wreaks havoc on home life. I talk from experience, as when I worked full time, my family (and I) never knew when I had to go to sleep or get up. I was forced to work part time (four times a week) because when a nurse works

full time, she is at the mercy of whoever makes the scheduling, and rarely has anything to say about the hours she works. I am told that this is a widespread practice here in Israel. No wonder more nurses don't work full time.

I also feel that much could be done outside of Israel in recruiting nurses. Why not send special "envoys" from the Department of Nursing here to schools of nursing in the U.S., to speak with student nurses about graduate. Many young Jewish nurses in the U.S. would probably love the idea of a year or more working in Israel (and who knows, they might decide to stay). Or delegate this recruiting to the various aliyah offices throughout the U.S. I would stress also the necessity of "crash" ulpan in medical terminology, which would have been a tremendous help to me when I first started working.

MRS. REBA REZNICK Netanya.

PROJECT AREIVIM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Project Areivim is a programme of the World Union of Jewish Students based on the principle that all Israel is responsible one for the other. It sends qualified individuals with good Jewish backgrounds and some experience in youth, community, education and social work to Diaspora communities in need of assistance.

The positions, which last for one year or more, provide for living expenses, subsistence wages, insurance and moving expenses. A B.A. degree or its equivalent is required for most jobs, a foreign language besides Hebrew is vital.

If you are interested, write to Ira Cohen, Project Areivim, World Union of Jewish Students, 247 Grays Inn Road, London WC1, or to WUJS Israel, Shikunei Eleaf 1/4, Givat Ram, Jerusalem.

VICKI ANGEL, Secretary General, World Union of Jewish Students Jerusalem.

KITSCH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — When reporting the reaction of the German people to the showing of the TV film "Holocaust" (January 31), you mention that a certain percentage of the viewers regarded the film as kitsch, and you translate this as rubbish. In German, the word kitsch, when applied to a film or a book, means mawkish, silly sentimental or slushy.

There are standing orders for army cars to stop and pick up hitchhiking soldiers. — Ed. J.P. INGEBORG LEWINTHAL Tel Aviv.

GIVE SOLDIERS A LIFT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On January 21, I was driving my family from Tel Aviv to Beerseheba. It was raining heavily and we had two soldiers riding with us. On the way, we saw many soldiers soaked in rain asking for rides. Several cars bearing military licence plates passed them and did not stop.

When we arrived in Beerseheba, the two soldiers left and we took two pilot cadets, a Volvo 244, with two people inside and a military licence plate, also passed the same spot, but did not stop for the many Air Force people waiting there. I overtook the car and asked why the occupants did not stop for the waiting soldiers. A high-ranking officer replied that "they do not have to give rides to soldiers not wearing hats!" It was pointed out that most of the waiting soldiers, including those riding with us, were wearing hats. Realizing the emptiness of his excuse, the officer replied that they were only going to a particular neighbourhood. This was also our destination, as well as that of the waiting Air Force personnel.

At that point, the valiant officer said, rather impolitely, that "he did not need me to tell him what to do."

I have the licence number of the military car involved.

Professor A. INSELBERG Beerseheba.

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ARAB STUDENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — There are plenty of reasons to be concerned about the Israeli Arab students, who have expressed their support for the PLO and the armed struggle against Israel, but the reaction of the Hebrew University Student Union, M.K. Amnon Linn and The Jerusalem Post leader of January 23 upsets me even more.

The Student Union wants to expel Arab students who support the PLO. Amnon Linn argues that they should be expelled because they "endanger democracy" and The Jerusalem Post writes that "it will become nearly impossible to resist demands for the expulsion of PLO-lining Arab students from the universities. For how is it possible to explain to Jewish students, most of them war veterans, and some war invalids, that they must continue to sit with fellow students sworn to the destruction of all they hold dear?"

To deny Arabs their right to education because of their political opinion is to endanger democracy, not the reverse. By expelling these Arab students, we will give them a right to their attitudes against Israel. It will also be a paradox for the Israeli Arabs that Israel can accept Jewish extremists of the right and left, while extreme steps are taken against Arab hard-liners.

MATTI SYLWAN Kibbutz Na'an.

LIFE-LINE FOR THE OLD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I read, with the deepest interest, the summarized report of the President's comments to the members of the recently formed advisory council on pensioners and the aging (January 17).

I am happy that, at long last, the authorities have awakened to problems that, for 17 years, our organization has been trying to solve. Over these years, we have insisted that the old must not be excluded from society, that they have a valuable part to play and that psychologically, physically, socially and financially, it is in their own interests and in the interests of the country as a whole that they be given the opportunity and the right to work, even if only with a reduced-work-load.

Life-Line for the Old has established 13 workshops in one of the poorest districts of Jerusalem and trains hundreds of old and disabled people of different ethnic backgrounds in various crafts and skills. For the most part, they are drawn from the so-called under-privileged sector of the population and they include Arabs, both Christians and Moslems. Even the bed-ridden are trained to work at home and their products are sold for them in our shop, "The Elder Craftsman."

We have a day centre, a hmecheon club, showers and laundry facilities, medical, optometric and chiropody services. Until recently, we ran a

dental care service which we suspend for lack of funds. We have recreation facilities, a choir and a dance group. We organize outings and parties.

Authorities from abroad research teams have shown greatest interest in, and approval of our work. Many have expressed surprise that Life-Line for the Old has not won sufficient recognition and support from the authorities concerned with social welfare and rehabilitation. Perhaps the reason that no prophet is recognized in his own country.

MYRIAM MENDELSON, Chairman Life-Line for the Old Jerusalem.

SMOKING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was very upset with report of January 22, "In the last no accidents." What bothered me was not the joint project of Ministry of Education and the Centre for Educational Technology substitute traditional safety lessons with safety related games and stories, but their choice of an agnity hero who sits around a cloud smoking a pipe. Why do young children have to identify a hero who smokes? SLSIEBER COV Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

ONE OF OUR Haifa readers recently saw a copy of "Kasher," a magazine produced in the U.S. through which the parents of Americans who have come to Israel on aliyah keep in touch with their children.

It is precisely because the magazine is produced so lovingly that one tiny detail upset our Haifa reader (who describes herself as a somewhat pernickety English teacher). The lead article opens with a quotation ("Bliss was it... to be alive") which the editor attributes to the Scottish historian and essayist Carlyle. These ecstatic lines however, were not penned by Carlyle — or even by Carlyle as printed elsewhere in the editorial — but by an English Lake Country poet who died in 1850. His name was William Wordsworth. M.L.

THE BIG foot-race is on. Or should we say the race of big feet? No sooner did we publish the plaint of the Haifa resident who can't find shoes in this country to fit his size 47 feet than we heard from a distraught mother from a moshav in Lower Galilee. She complained that she can't find shoes here for her 15½-year-old son. The lad is blessed with size 48 feet, and Mom is getting tired of ordering his street shoes and sport shoes from America.

We're still waiting to hear from somebody who wears a size 49 — but even better, somebody who knows where to get shoes here for such sizes.

THE LOCAL COUNCIL of Jiser el-Zarka village off the main Haifa-Tel Aviv highway has told the Education Ministry that fully a fifth of its elementary school-age children are not attending classes. The reason: there are no classes for them to attend. The village says it needs 18 more class-rooms immediately, as well as the educational equipment necessary to get the kids back into school. Y.D.

FOR AN ACADEMIC, he's mighty witty. Prof. Asher Arian, addressing a recent conference at Tel Aviv University on the subject of "political autonomy," told the group: "Nobody quite knows what autonomy will mean, but apparently it heralds trouble. It's like the telegram a Jew once sent his friends: 'Start worryink — letter en route.'"

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